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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 15, 2008, for which a response is due on March 15, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Restriction was required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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